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Big Demonstrations To Voice Resentment Against Propagandists

The revulsion of feeling of real Americans in the Chicago area against the machinations of alien propagandists and their native-born allies who haven't the courage to come out in the open, but hide behind the mask of "liberalism," will come to a head in June, says the International Labor News Service.

First, there is the gigantic "Stand by America" mass meeting to be held by the American Legion at the Chicago Stadium June 3. The mass meeting will be preceded by a colorful parade. Officers and members of American Federation of Labor affiliates and of various civic and religious organizations will participate.

Big Soldier Field Meeting

Then, on June 11, there is to be another gigantic demonstration at Soldier Field, which has a seating capacity of 100,000. General John V. Clinnin, world war veteran, will be in charge of the Soldier Field meeting. Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, who received an appropriation of $100,000 at the hands of Congress to investigate subversive activities in the United States, was scheduled to be the principal speaker.

Congressman Dies, however, has canceled his speech, as Chicago Park District officials demanded an advance copy of the speech in order to avoid, as they said, the discussion of any "controversial" subject.

The Chicago Park District established its alleged right of censorship over speechmaking at Soldier Field when it forced abandonment of a Labor Day celebration by the Chicago Federation of Labor a few years ago.

There is a bill pending in the Illinois General Assembly to create a committee to conduct an investigation similar to that for which the Dies committee was created.

Resentment Growing

Recent activities of the Communist party and of its C.I.O. adherents on the streets of Chicago have fanned the flames of resentment against alien propagandists. Easily refuted misstatements of fact emanating from brazen-voiced sound trucks and from the distribution of lying "literature" have added to the resentment.

Formation of nazi youth organizations, the invasion of churches and the enlistment of some church leaders against the American Federation of Labor have helped to add fuel to the flames of resentment. These church leaders have predicated their judgement upon a mass of misinformation.

Some Unions Aid Reds

The Communist party is being aided in its activities in Chicago by contributions of money sent by American Federation of Labor affiliates in various parts of the United States. If this money were not contributed the racket would be greatly minimized.

"The alien propagandists and their liberal aids are only digging their own graves," said E. M. Libonati to International Labor News Service. He is chairman of the American Legion committee.

VOTING ON A.F.L. AFFILIATION

Homer Martin, head of the United Automobile Workers of America, announced in Washington last week that the members of his organization were voting in a referendum on the question of re-affiliation with the American Federation of Labor. The Martin group recently withdrew from the C.I.O.

Proposed Wage-Hour Act Changes Opposed by Groups of Farmers

Five national farm groups have asked Congress to defeat the Norton wage-hour act amendments. They complained that the changes would "straitjacket agriculture."

The amendments redefine exempted agriculture activities, provide exemptions for white collar workers earning $200 a month or more, and change other phases in the wage-hour law.

The farm groups circularized the House with a letter charging that the Norton amendments sponsored by Representative Norton of the House Labor Committee would "straitjacket" agriculture, "and leave it helpless."

"At no time was the farmer given an opportunity to express his views before the committee," the farm organizations pointed out. "This despite repeated requests for public hearings."

The protest was filed by the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange, National Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation, Agricultural Producers' Labor Committee and National Co-operative Council.

Sailors' Union Pickets Alaska Salmon Boats

Picketing of piers on the San Francisco waterfront where Red Salmon Canning Company and Alaska Salmon Company vessels were preparing to sail for Bristol Bay was begun this week by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, an American Federation of Labor affiliate.

Harry Lundeberg, president of the union, said this action was taken to protect the seamen's right to man the ships. He charged the companies with "refusing to negotiate" and said "they plan to man the fleet with C.I.O. cannery workers and fishermen."

"We are the only union that can supply sailors and we're not going to let the fleet sail this year without our full quota of men," said Lundeberg.

Teamsters refused to pass the picket lines and departure preparations were halted. Approximately forty pickets paraded before pier 17, where the Red Salmon Company vessel American Star was loading, and at pier 22, where provisions were being stored for the Glacier and Elwin C. Hale, Alaska Salmon Company vessels, that were due to arrive from the East Bay. Company officials ordered the boats held in Oakland.

G. B. Peterson, general manager of the Red Salmon Canning Company, said the union was demanding unnecessary sailors be hired. "The S.U.P. is trying to force us to hire men we don't need and have no room for," he said.

Regarding "refusal to negotiate" Peterson said: "We have been meeting with them right along. Only Saturday we offered to take the same number of sailors as last year."

A.F.L. Peace Committee Authorized to Continue Negotiations With C.I.O.

At its regular spring meeting in Washington last week the American Federation of Labor executive council authorized its peace committee to continue negotiations with the C.I.O. In announcing the council's action President William Green reiterated his plea that the C.I.O. unions "return home."

He said that all of the original C.I.O. unions would be welcomed if "they come back just as they left," but that those operating in fields given to new A.F.L. unions would have to reach an agreement with their rivals. This applied, he added, to the United Mine Workers of America.

Meeting Date Indefinite

Green said that he did not know when the peace negotiations inspired by President Roosevelt would be resumed.

They have been in recess since April 4 because President John L. Lewis of the Congress of Industrial Organizations was tied up with bituminous contract negotiations.

The council heard several jurisdictional disputes, including the request of the International Ladies' Handbag, Pocketbook and Novelty Workers' Union, with over ten thousand members, for jurisdiction over leather and tannery workers now covered by the United Leather Workers' International Union, which has 2500 members. Further conferences between the two groups were ordered.

To Avoid Jurisdictional Disputes

Green recommended that the International Molders' Union of North America, which has 27,700 members, and the International Brotherhood of Foundry Employees, which has 3500 members, should be merged to avoid jurisdictional disputes. The council ordered further conferences and said that if the matter is not settled by the fall meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., August 7, it will recommend such action to the A.F.L. convention next October.

Five Tanker Operators Fined For Violating Safety at Sea Act

Fines of more than $50,000 have been assessed against the five major tanker operators for signing on crews of seamen who nominally were able seamen, but actually held ordinary seamen's certificates. The individual fines vary from $500 to $8800.

Secretary of Commerce Hopkins has gone farther. The laws covering safety of personnel at sea do not provide criminal penalties. But the master of one tanker has been ordered to show cause why his master's ticket should not be suspended or revoked for putting to sea in known violation of the laws.

"We are going to make an example of that master and show the attitude of the Commerce Department," said Allan Jones, director of the Bureau of Inspection and Navigation.

The oil tankers have been accused of all manner of violations of law by officials of the National Maritime Association, a C.I.O. organization. Investigation of these charges has brought this result.

Educators of Nation To Meet Here in July

Matters of immediate professional interest to every one of the tens of thousands of school teachers throughout the United States will be discussed at the seventy-seventh annual summer session of the National Education Association to be held in San Francisco July 2 to 6. Between twelve thousand and fifteen thousand delegates and visitors from every section of the nation are expected to attend the convention, whose central theme will be: "The Responsibilities of the Profession."

President Reuben T. Shaw of the N.E.A., who plans to leave the United States immediately after the convention to attend the eighth biennial conference of the World Federation of Education Associations at Rio de Janeiro, has placed special emphasis in the programs at San Francisco on the relationships of this country with Central and South American republics. The cultural, educational and trade relations of the Western Hemisphere are important program topics to be discussed by outstanding leaders in their respective fields. Will Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, will be one of these speakers.

The eleven Western states are a unit in the task of making the National Education Association convention a success, with an active committee member at work among his educational associates in each important center. It is the contention of this committee that the annual N.E.A. meeting should be held west of the Rockies at more frequent intervals, and their energies are directed toward this end. The thousands of visitors are expected to tour the West after they have visited the Golden Gate International Exposition and before their return home.

In connection with the general sessions of the convention, more than twenty departments and allied organizations will hold meetings for discussion of matters of individual interest. A program presenting opposing viewpoints of what constitutes Americanism as contrasted to un-American activities is likely to be the most newsworthy feature of the gathering.

CHILDREN APPLY FOR INSURANCE

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, regional director in New York of the Social Security Board, says that more than half the old-age insurance accounts which have been set up in the last year are for persons under 30. Nearly a quarter of the accounts were assigned to people between the ages of 15 and 25. But the crowning feature of the report is that 5090 youngsters under 15—3136 girls and 1954 boys—also have registered for old-age insurance.

Court Is Asked to Ban Anti-Nazi Picketing

Judge Bernard L. Shientag of the New York Supreme Court has reserved decision on a suit to test the legality of an anti-nazi organization's action in picketing firms which sell goods made in Germany. The suit was brought by the New York Band Instrument Company against the Jewish People's Committee for United Action Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism.

The company admits that it sold and is selling band instruments made in Germany. The committee in justifying the picketing told the court that manufacturing in Germany is operated by forced labor and by suppressing labor organizations. Moreover, such merchandise entering the United States, the committee said, competes with the products of American labor.

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A. F. of L. and N.L.R.B. Abandon Conferences

Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board and the American Federation of Labor announced last week that they had been unable to agree on proposed amendments to the National Labor Relations Act and that no further conferences would be had.

Hearings held by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on the amendments proposed by the American Federation of Labor were recessed to see if representatives of the Labor Board and the A.F.L. could not agree on amendments which would remedy the bias which the board has shown against the American Federation of Labor and in favor of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. After meetings extending over two days Charles Fahy, general counsel of the Labor Relations Board, and Joseph A. Padway, counsel of the A.F.L., issued the following joint statement:

"Since noon of last Tuesday the National Labor Relations Board has had several conferences with representatives of the American Federation of Labor for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendments to the National Labor Relations Act.

"While there was a frank and friendly exchange of views, the board and the Federation were not able to come to an agreement with reference to the proposed amendments.

"The board and the Federation are advising Chairman Thomas of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor of the termination of the conferences."

Following the issuance of the joint statement, Mr. Padway said:

"The A.F.L. will continue to press its amendments as vigorously and forcefully as it has to date. The amendments were the result of the Houston convention. They are vitally necessary if we are to have a fair administration of the Labor Act on behalf of labor and the public. Cessation of conferences will have no effect upon our demands."

President Urges Jobs For Workers Over 40

President Roosevelt has issued from Hyde Park a proclamation to the American people urging them to find jobs for men over 40.

"I am mindful," he said, "of the fact that among those over 40 years of age are a great body of our most experienced, able and competent workers; that this group as a whole is not sharing as fully as other age groups in the employment revival; that many of those over 40 have lost their jobs through no personal failing but because of circumstances over which they and their employers had no direct control; that among those over 40 and still active in the labor market are practically the entire group of world war veterans (whose average age is 46), a group that is surely entitled to look to our society for security and economic independence."

The proclamation was made after a report was published, made by a special committee to look into the difficulties of elderly men and women in getting employment. The reference of the President to world war veterans as averaging above the age at which re-employment becomes difficult has not been made officially before.

The Social Security Board, while not trying to minimize the troubles which the worker above 40 has in getting a new job if his old one slips away, has issued a report showing that while he holds his job the highest paid worker is between 45 and 49 years of age. The lowest, naturally, is the child under 15.

Company Union Given Another Severe Blow

The Federal Circuit Court of the Third District, Philadelphia, has upheld by a unanimous decision the right of the National Labor Relations Board to invalidate a labor contract between the employer and a company-dominated union.

The Stackpole Carbon Company, making carbon products and radio parts, had a contract with a "Stackpole Employees' Association," which provided among other things for the "open shop." This was used to block the organization of the plant by the United Electrical and Radio Workers, a C.I.O. organization. When the resulting strike came in March, 1937, the company fired and blacklisted 131 union men, it is charged.

Contract Held Tricky

The N.L.R.B., after hearings, declared that the company was engaging in unfair labor practices, and ordered it to reinstate with full seniority rights and compensation for loss of pay the men discharged. The company took the case to Circuit Court. Judge John Biggs, Jr., who wrote the decision of the court, declared that the contract was an unfair labor practice and also a tricky one.

"We state in this connection," said Judge Biggs, "that in our opinion the respondent (the company) rushed the contract with the association to the end that it might avoid the necessity of negotiations with its employees except through a union which it dominated."

No Evidence of Violence

The court also dismissed the argument of the company that the strikers had forfeited their rights by violence. Judge Biggs said in substance that the only "violence" of which any evidence was offered was a few fist fights.

The company relied heavily on the decision of the Supreme Court in the Consolidated Edison case. The Circuit Court held that this did not apply. In the Edison case the contract which the N.L.R.B. invalidated was with an A.F.L. union, and proof was lacking that this union was dominated by the company. The Stackpole Company paid the expenses of its union.

SAVINGS BANKS THRIVING

Times seem to be good for the seventy-five federal savings and loan associations which dot the Golden State. In a recent month their assets rose to almost $3,000,000, and 2637 thrifty persons opened savings accounts. Loans likewise are on the up—particularly in the home building field. New homes got almost $5,000,000 of savings and loan money in the first quarter, and several millions more were loaned for refinancing, reconditioning, etc. The associations are carrying nearly $87,000,000 in first mortgage loans on their books.

CALIFORNIA BUSINESS BRIEFS

Coast steel business in April was 40 per cent ahead of the same month last year; the late summer and fall California lemon crop will be comparatively light, according to the present outlook, but prices should be fairly good; Douglas Aircraft first quarter earnings were highest in the company's history; Los Angeles independent gas and oil dealers have protested vigorously against the proposed anti-monopoly committee's inquiry into the West Coast petroleum industry; West Coast building activity is at its high for a decade, with the annual construction payroll running at the rate of $150,000,000; the 40,000-acre Imperial Valley flax crop is in the process of being harvested, with sales outlook good.

JOBS FOR MACHINE OPERATORS

Jobs are waiting for a number of those who qualify in the state examination for tabulating machine operator which will be given June 15, Louis J. Kroeger, executive officer of the State Personnel Board, has disclosed. The position pays $110 a month and employment occurs principally in Sacramento. The usual one-year California residence requirement has been waived for this test. Applicants must have had education equivalent to that represented by completion of the twelfth grade and eight months of experience in the operation of tabulating equipment. Applications should be filed by June 8.

Draper Says Labor Unions Must Fight Dictatorships

P. M. Draper, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, declared in an address before the convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks at Toronto, Canada, that "a virile trade unionism is the first bulwark against encroachment on the rights and liberties of the workers, whether in the economic field or in the matter of civil liberties."

He said that in the fight against dictatorships on the North American continent trade unionists must take the leading part. "Fortunately, here on this continent," he said, "our liberties have not been the victim of assault, and it is the prime duty of the trade union movement to cultivate a public opinion that would not countenance such a move."

Hunter's Point to "Shine"

The Hunter's Point Improvement Club has been awarded a certificate of merit by Dr. Adolph E. Schmidt, chairman of the Citizens' "City Beautiful" Committee, in appreciation of its distinguished co-operation in the "Shine for '39" campaign.

Many homes have been painted throughout the district, streets have been paved, new streets are being constructed, a new yacht harbor developed and many unsightly buildings demolished.

The club is asking the co-operation of both state and city authorities in ridding the beaches of all abandoned shipwrecks and hulks that have been beached in this district.

"The club plans to make Hunter's Point a beauty spot of San Francisco and no longer intends to tolerate this section being made a burial ground for discarded vessels," declared Lynn Hockensmith, president of the club.

Merger of C.I.O. Unions Headed by Communist

Ben Gold of New York, well-known communist, was elected president of the newly-formed International Leather and Fur Workers' Union at Atlantic City, N. J. The union is a C.I.O. affiliate.

The new organization was formed through the merger of the National Association of Leather and Tannery Workers of America and the International Fur Workers' Union of the United States and Canada, which closed its thirteenth biennial convention on May 14. Gold was formerly president of the Fur Workers.

Pietro Lucchi of New York, general secretary and treasurer of the Fur Workers, was elected to a similar post in the new organization. Sixteen vice-presidents were chosen to complete the general executive board, which was authorized to complete the merger details.

BRICK WORKERS WIN MORE PAY

Wage increases for all employees of the Hidden Brick Company, Vancouver, Wash., were won by a Clark County Central Labor Council negotiating committee when a contract was signed to remove the brick company from the unfair list of the Building and Construction Laborers' Union. The agreement increased minimum wages from 45 cents an hour to 57½ cents and lowered working hours from forty-four to forty per week.



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"New Deal" and Buying Power

The whole philosophy of President Roosevelt's "new deal" is contained in that section of his address to the Retailers' National Forum in Washington last Monday in which he said:

". . . They tell you that conditions are not sound because we are trying to build the sort of houses and other things which our people really need, and because we are trying to make sure that our people have the purchasing power to pay for these things.

"They were unrealistic and theoretical when they were prophesying their new era in 1929—they are just as unrealistic and theoretical and wrong when they are prophesying national bankruptcy in 1939.

"To translate this into terms of the retail trade, the shelves of heavy industries in 1929 were seriously overstocked. You know what happens to storekeepers if they buy twice as much as the public can buy from them.

"In the last analysis, therefore, consumer buying power is the milk in the cocoanut of all business.

"Whether you are a big department store or do business in a small way on the main street of a small town, your sales are dependent on how much money the average family in the community earns. That is a homely way of putting it, but it is an eternal truth.

"That is one reason why I have talked about the one-third of our population that is ill-clad, ill-housed, ill-fed. That third –forty million people—can buy very little at the stores. Therefore, their local stores can order very little at the factories. Some of my friends laugh at me when I stress this, laugh at efforts to establish minimum wages. But the little and the big storekeeper understand and know they will sell more goods if their customers have more money. I want, and I think I have your help, to build up the purchasing power of the average of your customers. . . .

". . . . Never so long as I am President of the United States will I condemn millions of men and women to the dry-rot of idleness on a dole; never condemn the business enterprise of the United States to the loss of millions of dollars' worth of customer purchasing power; never take the terrific risk of what would happen to the social system of American democracy if we foisted on it an occasional basket of groceries instead of the chance to work."

Irrespective of whether President Roosevelt is seeking a third term or not, the economic question which the country must solve before there is real prosperity in America is that of buying power, which, as the chief executive says, "is the milk in the cocoanut of all business."

Labor will continue its faith in the "new deal" program until it has been thoroughly tried.

Support for Arms Conference

Following reports from London of a proposed conference for reduction of armaments in the near future, the National Council for Prevention of War cited the following action in this country and reports from abroad indicating widespread popular support for such a move.

The National Peace Conference, representing forty-one national organizations, at its February meeting undertook an intensive campaign for the calling of a world conference to consider economic and armament problems.

The National Peace Council of Great Britain is preparing to present to Parliament this month its petition for a world conference signed by nearly a million men and women of England. The secretary general of the Teachers' Union of France, one of the most powerful of labor unions in that country, has recently indorsed the conference method as the only possible solution of world problems.

In England an additional proposal is being pushed for the creation of a ministry of peace which would give its continual consideration to settlement of international conflicts by negotiation.

Referring to the question of a world conference, Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, said:

"A heavy responsibility rests on the government of the United States to promote a successful world conference before and not after another war. Present demands for the repeal of the neutrality law and opposition to the war referendum are designed to further a policy on the part of this country which would build up an overwhelming force on the side of one group of nations, the democracies. This means a repetition at any conference of the dictated peace of Versailles and a continuation of the policy followed during post-war years of relying on force and doing nothing to relieve world tensions. Maintenance of the neutrality law and support of the war referendum are the most valuable contributions the people of this country can make to a negotiated peace, which is the only alternative to war."

Two Supreme Court Wills

There have been two rather remarkable Supreme Court wills in Washington—those of Oliver Wendell Holmes and Benjamin N. Cordoza. Both left fortunes large enough to show that they were perfectly competent to manage their own financial affairs. Both were staunch liberals; both supported laws giving better chances to labor; neither had children.

Justice Holmes left about $500,000. He provided for his nephew, for some friends and associations, and left a full half of the total to Uncle Sam, with no restrictions.

Justice Cordoza left about $328,000. He left $75,000 to the faithful housekeeper who took care of his sisters and himself, $25,000 to the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropies, $7000 to a hospital, and $188,822—more than half the total—to Columbia University.

Somehow those wills seem appropriate to the men and their careers.

Clamor of Railroad Finance

Senators Wheeler of Montana and Truman of Missouri have introduced a bill to set up a special federal court to handle the reorganization of bankrupt and near-bankrupt railroads. The Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate is holding hearings on the measure. So far all representatives of rail finance are denouncing the bill with all the force they can muster.

To anyone who knows anything of the history of railroad finance this opposition is a point in favor of the bill. That statement is not a blind indorsement of the measure. The subject is complex in itself, and snarled up by the frauds and trickeries of two generations besides. It requires the most careful study; and railroad labor should receive at least as much consideration as railroad finance.

But this is sure: Senators Wheeler and Truman have been working literally for years on the railroad problem. They are probably among the dozen men in the country who know that problem best; and no one has impeached their integrity. The bill they have offered should be subject to the broadest criticism as well as the closest examination. But clamorous attacks from the interests which have brought the roads to their present plight are not at all convincing.

Praise for Steelman

John R. Steelman, chief of the conciliation service of the Department of Labor, deserves the thanks of the American public, and especially of American labor, for his handling of the coal strike. He was up against one of the toughest propositions that a man could meet. He had no official authority to prescribe terms of settlement. He had against him in the group of employers a strong faction whose motto is the "shoot to kill" order given in Harlan County, Kentucky.

It was a case where character and brains, especially when coupled with wide experience, counted for more than anything but a good cause. Three labor cheers for Steelman!

Ford's Trick Insurance

The Ford Motor Company has come to an agreement with the Travelers' Insurance Company whereby 100,000 workers in the Ford plants may get insurance. Starting June 1 they may take out life insurance to the amount of $1500 each, with sick and accident benefits. The Ford Employees' Service will manage all the details.

Is this just another scheme to keep alive the notorious Ford industrial despotism? His workers have no say in the matter; Ford, who is to pay "about half" the premiums, will dictate all. Insurance controlled by the company might be a potent club against any movement of the men to improve their wages and conditions of work; and this is doubly true when the company has the long record of driving speed-up and ruthless lay-offs that the Ford concern has been establishing for twenty years.

In 1936, the last year in which an authoritative study was made, the cost of government (national, state and local) was $10 more per person in the United States than was the cost of all types of government in Great Britain.—Portland "Oregonian."

The fact has been established through eye-witnesses that the women of Germany protested in such numbers against conscription of men for work on border fortifications at the time of the Munich crisis that the government was forced to delay the departure of trains, which were blocked by hundreds of women massed on the tracks.

The French air mission to the United States has confirmed American opinion that supplying arms to belligerents will be the first step to war by announcing that it seeks to place a few orders in this country in order to gear our munitions industry to produce large orders in war time which will meet French army specifications.

California's sardine catch during the 1938-39 season reached a new high of 528,500 tons for the shore plants. Last year's catch of the little finny creatures was only 346,000 tons. Which means more of those excellent sardine salads and sandwiches for the country—and more money for distribution by the state's thousands of fishermen and their families.

Governor Olson's Views On 'Ham and Eggs' Plan

Governor Culbert L. Olson's reasons for acceding to the request of "ham and eggs" pension leaders for a special election to determine the issue were explained this week in a statement by the state's chief executive.

Declaring he doubted the wisdom of the plan, although sympathetic to the principle of aiding "our elder citizens," the governor said he felt the issue was one entitled to be determined by the electorate because:

"If its supporters are to experience a cruel disillusionment the time should not be unnecessarily prolonged."

Last week the governor told 7000 supporters of the "California life payments act" assembled in mass meeting in Sacramento that he would fix a date for a special election on the pension question after the Legislature adjourned. His action followed submission of petitions bearing more than one million signatures. He issued this statement:

Question of Feasibility

"I told those who had gathered here last week that while I am in sympathy with the objectives of the plan they were not to infer from my appearance at that meeting or from my decision to call a special election that I believe in the feasibility of the plan proposed in this measure, or that it would accomplish its objectives if adopted.

"I further said that mass movements for a measure of this kind in our state are a dramatic manifestation of the economic submersion, desperate plight and dire need of our elder citizens. Since I cannot believe that this measure, if adopted, would work to remedy that condition, some may ask why I would call a special election on it, particularly in view of the fact that a similar measure was defeated last November."

Many "Emotionally Aroused"

The governor said that a third or more of California's voting population had been led to believe that the measure would mean their economic salvation and that they would continue to remain emotionally aroused and go on making cash contributions to the plan's promoters until there was an election.

He also said that he felt the question was of sufficient importance that it should not be delayed until the general election in 1940, since the "ham and eggs" issue, with its accompanying emotional tension, would confuse other issues due to come before the people at that time.

"The attention of all voters should be centered upon a determination of the issue as early as possible," he said.

W.P.A. Education Program

The W.P.A. Education Program of the State Department of Education is organizing a number of new classes for persons interested in the various arts who will have leisure time for study during the summer.

At the Art Center Victor De Wilde will conduct classes in water color, which will include field trips; classes in landscape painting and drawing and figure construction will be held at 1750 Pine street, studio 8; at 1809 Lyon street sculpture and clay modeling will be taught, and figure painting and still life in oil instructions can be had at 1015-C Golden Gate avenue.

Other new classes announced by the program are French at the Westminster Center, Page and Webster streets; English and vocabulary building at 945 Jones street, and personal development and applied psychology at the Y.M.C.A., 220 Golden Gate avenue, and at the Grace United Church, Twenty-first and Capp streets.

The Downtown Forum of the W.P.A. Education Program, which has had an average of three hundred at each of its meetings since it was established early in the year, is closing down for the summer months. It will reopen in the fall with a new program of topics for discussion which will have a special appeal to the public.

Detailed information regarding these classes can be obtained from the office of the program, 216 Market street, Douglas 7119.

A HINT TO VACATIONERS

The Forest Service is doing a magnificent work in seeking to repair the ravages of fire in California forests. This spring more than a million pine seedlings were planted on thousands of fire-swept acres. According to Regional Forester Snow, "If forest fires can be kept out of timbered areas we eventually will reclaim considerable areas for recreation, watershed value and wild-life refuges." The carelessness of the public in respect to fire has been little short of criminal.

LABOR SETBACK IN WISCONSIN

Governor Julius P. Heil of Wisconsin has signed a bill which labor organizations agree sets back the labor movement in that state "at least fifty years." It prohibits "closed shops," unless 75 per cent of the employees in a bargaining unit so vote. The vote requires ten days' notice where perishable products are involved. It abolishes the "Little Wagner Act," passed under the previous liberal La Follette regime, and sets up a three-man body with greatly curtailed powers.

"Blindcraft" Will Hold Benefit Entertainment

With Art Weidner's orchestra furnishing the music and a splendid program of entertainment, "Blindcraft" will hold the first of a series of benefit entertainments at the Civic Auditorium Saturday evening, June 10.

Appearing on the program will be two very fine (blind) artists, well known to San Francisco music lovers, the internationally known pianist, Rose Resnik, and John Favir, popular cellist. There will be other specialties, all of which will assure a fine evening's entertainment.

The series of entertainments sponsored by "Blindcraft" has the indorsement of Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, State Senator John F. Shelley, Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, and the following merchants' associations: The Mission Merchants' Association, the Fillmore Merchants' and Improvement Association, the Sunset Merchants' Association, Marina Merchants' Association, the Park-Presidio Merchants' Luncheon Club, Excelsior Merchants' Association, Geneva Merchants' Association, South of Army Merchants' Association, Parkside Merchants' Association, the Richmond Merchants' Association, and many other associations, organizations and individuals.

The district merchants in San Francisco are assisting "Blindcraft" in the campaign. Leaders in the various districts report an increasing demand for tickets as the closing date, June 5, approaches, which indicates that the full quota of tickets will be sold, according to O. E. Van Austen, public relations director.

"Blindcraft," now in its thirty-eighth year, is a sound, permanent employment project. Its sole purpose is to give self-supporting employment to blind and handicapped people. The purchasers of tickets therefore, in addition to being offered a splendid entertainment, will also be helping a very worthy organization.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at all places displaying "Blindcraft" posters, any ticket office, "Blindcraft" at Seventh and Howard, or at "Blindcraft's" retail store, 393 Sutter street.

Green Is Confident of Peace in Labor Ranks

The American Federation of Labor is doing everything in its power to bring about peace in the labor movement, William Green, president of the A.F.L., told 650 delegates to the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, in session at Toronto, Canada.

He said that conferences between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations had been temporarily suspended because of the controversy between the United Mine Workers, C.I.O. affiliate, and the coal operators, but that he expected they would be resumed in the near future.

Green reported that the paid-up membership of the Federation had increased from approximately two and one-half million members to nearly four million in the past three years.

Delegates from Canada, the United States and Newfoundland heard him tell of improvements in social legislation in both Canada and the United States.

Green asserted that the Communist party in Canada and the United States was attempting to control the labor movement in both countries.

"This subversive influence is clearly attempting to shape labor's policies to conform with its own peculiar political and economic philosophy," he said.

MUSIC AND THEATER PROJECTS

The Federal Music and Theater Projects divisions of the Works Progress Administration have chosen for the gala opening of the War Memorial "opera house" concert series, Friday evening, June 16, at 8:30 o'clock, a program of great brilliance and diversity, including symphonic music and ballet divertissements.

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Labor Disappointed by Results of Election

Returns from last Friday's special city election revealed that with the largest vote ever cast in the city at a special election both propositions on the ballot were overwhelmingly defeated. This was not surprising in view of the strenuous campaign of business organizations and the local utility company against the two measures; but it was a great disappointment to advocates of municipal ownership of public utilities and those who had worked for the salary standardization measure.

Official returns from the city's 1055 precincts showed:

Tremendous Majorities

Proposition No. 1 (standardization of salaries of municipal employees)—Yes, 42,314; No, 129,706.

Proposition No. 2 (municipal distribution of Hetch Hetchy power)—Yes, 49,843; No, 121,895.

The total vote was 173,881, exceeding by far preliminary forecasts and described by Registrar of Voters Collins as exceeding that of any other special election in the city's history.

It was the seventh time the electorate has voted on propositions for power distribution, and the vote came as attorneys for the city and federal governments were arguing in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals over the present system of selling electricity to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for distribution in the city. The city's position had been attacked as in violation of the Raker act.

The United States District Court has handed down an injunction against continued sale of power, from which the city has appealed.

Budget Can Not Be Changed

As a result of the defeat of Proposition No. 1 the Board of Supervisors will have before it a rejected salary ordinance drawn to satisfy a charter mandate. The board can either do nothing, or it can ask the Civil Service Commission to draw up a new schedule. Budget deadline for next year, however, is May 26, and it was considered impossible that an adequate revision of the proposed standardization could be made.

Mayor Rossi, who was in Washington, D. C., on election day, said:

"The people have spoken. I cannot make any changes in my budget. As far as I am concerned the people have decided the salary question for the next fiscal year."

Regarding defeat of the power plan, the mayor said, "I am still of the opinion municipal ownership is the advisable thing. The only thing we can do is to submit the proposition again."

COMMENCEMENT AT SANTA CLARA

The University of Santa Clara conferred degrees upon eighty-four graduates and one prominent California man at the eighty-eighth annual commencement exercises held at the university auditorium on May 20. Diplomas were presented by the Very Rev. Louis C. Rudolph, S. J., president of the university, to six graduates of the college of law, fifty-one of the college of liberal arts, twelve of the college of engineering and fifteen of the college of business administration. Archbishop John J. Mitty, D. D., of San Francisco, presided at the exercises.

BANS CHAIN STORE TAX

The city of Columbus, Ohio, has been restrained by Superior Court order from collecting a special tax on chain stores. Superior Court Judge C. F. McLaughlin granted a temporary injunction when attorneys from chain interests petitioned that the tax was "confiscatory and unfair."

Twenty Thousand Auto Workers Affected by Detroit C.I.O. Strike

Seven plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Company of Detroit were closed down this week by a strike of the C.I.O.-United Automobile Workers, affecting more than 20,000 men employed by Briggs and the Plymouth division of the Chrysler Corporation.

Spokesmen for the Chrysler Corporation said the Plymouth division, employing 6000 men on the day shift, would be forced to close at once because of the shortage of bodies.

"Little Wagner Acts" Beaten in Committee

The State Senate Labor and Capital Committee, by a 3 to 2 vote last Monday, tabled three proposed "little Wagner labor relations acts."

Warning labor forces they must unite if they expected to enact labor legislation, Senator John F. Shelley of San Francisco, president of the San Francisco Labor Council and committee chairman, said: "Many senators and assemblymen who want to go along with labor are so befuddled over the split that they do not know what to do."

Shelley was the author of one of the bills tabled.

Another, by President Pro Tem. of the Senate Jerrold L. Seawell, had the backing of the A.F.L. forces, and a third, the Yorty bill, had been approved in the Assembly by a narrow margin.

Appearing against the bills were Gilbert Roland, San Francisco Employers' Council; C. L. Rank, representing small business groups; Philip Bancroft and Hank Strubel, both of the Associated Farmers; Paul R. Watkins, Los Angeles, and L. J. Shuman, Lake County farmer and farmers' co-operative packing house manager.

Senators Gordon, Suisun; Holohan, Watsonville, and Biggar, Covelo, voted to table the bills, while Shelley and Senator Hollister, Gaviota, opposed.

Laundry Workers' Union Elects New Officers

The International Laundry Workers' Union, in convention assembled in Denver, Colo., last week, voted to revise its constitution and by-laws in their entirety, and to elect new officers. It was a unanimous opinion on the part of all delegates that in order to make the Laundry Workers' International Union a progressive and outstanding international union it was necessary to make a change in some of the offices of the international union.

Local Man Honored

"All of the officers elected are well known in their respective territories and carry the support of the labor movement in general," said Lawrence Palacios, president of the San Francisco local, who was a delegate to the convention.

William Donovan was elected international president, W. G. Thomas, international secretary, and nine vice-presidents. The vice-presidents elected to represent the Pacific Coast were Ray Nickolsen, first vice-president, representing the Northwestern territory, and Lawrence Palacios, third vice-president, representing all the Pacific Coast territory.

"A definite organizational program has been established to take effect immediately, whereby it will be possible to bring in a report at our next convention of an additional membership of 50,000," said Palacios. "This was the first convention of the organization held in thirty years."

New Set-up Assailed

A factional fight within the International Laundry Workers' Union, A.F.L., growing out of the reorganization of the union at Denver last week, was taken to the Superior Court in San Francisco on May 20.

A petition was filed for a permanent restraining order to prevent President William Donovan of Chicago and other newly-elected officers of the organization from withdrawing union funds from the bank or entering the union offices in the Grant building.

The action was filed by the International Laundry Workers' Union, which declared that the election of Donovan and others at the international convention in Denver was in violation of the union's constitution.

The action asserted that Walter C. Brooks of San Francisco was and still is the real president of the union, despite the convention action.

Presiding Judge Franklin A. Griffin granted a temporary injunction against Donovan.

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A.F.L. Unions Warned Against Membership in "Non-Partisan League"

Attention of the San Francisco Labor Council has again been called to a circular letter dated March 1, 1939, from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, with reference to membership in the so-called "Labor's Non-Partisan League." It is addressed to national and international unions, state federations of labor, city central bodies and directly affiliated unions, and is signed by William Green, president of the A.F.L., "by direction of the executive council of the A.F.L." It is as follows:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor at a meeting held in Miami, Fla., recently directed me to communicate with you calling attention to the fact that the so-called 'Labor's Non-Partisan League' is a C.I.O. organization and is in no way regarded as a labor organization by the American Federation of Labor. The executive council regards it as a purely political organization.

"Because the American Federation of Labor follows a non-partisan political policy and formulates said non-partisan policies from time to time as circumstances warrant and conditions require, I am writing to call upon you to refrain from accepting membership in this so-called 'Labor's Non-Partisan League.'

"If any American Federation of Labor unions, central labor bodies or state federations of labor have accepted membership in Labor's Non-Partisan League they are directed by the executive council to immediately withdraw and sever all connections with Labor's Non-Partisan League.

"The American Federation of Labor cannot submit to the formulation of its political policies by C.I.O. organizations or any other political organization. Central bodies, state federations of labor or federal labor unions which refuse to carry out these instructions, sent by direction of the executive council, subject themselves to the revocation of their charters for insubordination to the rulings, laws and principles of the American Federation of Labor."

Comment on World Events

(I. L. N. S.)

The present interval—probably brief—between immediate war scares can be well used by telling a few facts of some of the lands over which the war clouds are hovering. These facts are gathered from the League of Nations data, from three federal government agencies and one foreign embassy.

One of the best indexes of the general public welfare is the infant death rate, the number out of each 1000 children born who die before the end of their first year. In Poland the infant death rate is 141; in Hungary, 139; in Finland, 68. Figures from Russia are not accessible, and figures from nazi Germany are not trustworthy; but in Norway it is 44; in the United States, 54.4; and New Zealand slaps all other nations in the face by losing only 31 babies out of every 1000. Climate probably has something to do with this.

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Illiteracy is another point of high interest. Hungary claims a rate of those who cannot read and write of 9.6 per cent—but she puts the age at 6 years, which raises doubts. Poland, which doubles that age, admits to 32 per cent illiterates; much less than before the world war. Finland, counting only the 15-year-olds, has 0.92 per cent, tying with Denmark, whose minister of education not long since boasted that the only Danish illiterates were imbeciles, who couldn't learn.

Land ownership is of immense importance—the growth of tenant farming is one of the most alarming things in our own country. Czechoslovakia admittedly took the lead in agrarian reform—though heaven knows what is happening there now. Finland has increased her farm ownership about 35 per cent.

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Poland, Rumania and Hungary came through the world war with probably the worst landlord systems in the world. Poland has tackled this evil vigorously; the state is taking over the big estates and settling the peasants on them. Unprejudiced and reliable information is that under the last Polish agrarian law, passed about two years ago, peasants by thousands are being turned to independent farmers each year.

Rumania, according to the same authority, is just waking up to that subject; and Hungary isn't waking at all.

It is an open question if this land movement in Poland does not account for part, at least, of the unexpected stamina which Poland is showing toward nazi aggression. Robert G. Ingersoll, commenting on the high percentage of farmers' sons in the Union army, said, "You can't get a man to shoulder a musket in defense of a boarding house." There may be something in it.

Many Married Couples Are on State Payroll

Louis J. Kroeger, executive officer of the State Personnel Board, has revealed that 1010 married couples are employed by the state, while the spouses of 698 other state employees have jobs with other governmental agencies.

Kroeger made the report to Assemblyman Lee T. Bashore of Los Angeles County, who has been interested in legislation to prevent husbands and wives from holding high-paying public positions.

Labor-Hater Girdler Sues for Big Damages Against C.I.O. Unions

The Republic Steel Corporation has filed a $7,500,000 damage suit against the C.I.O. and 700 of its officers and members in the Federal Court at Cleveland, Ohio. The court action was an outgrowth of the "little steel" strike of two years ago.

The suit was one of the largest on record involving relations between industry and labor. It named the C.I.O., its steel union, the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, the union's head, Philip Murray, and C.I.O. chief John L. Lewis.

Republic plants over a wide area were closed by the strike in 1937. The corporation charged that it lost $2,500,000 by reason of the strike closings and expenses. Triple damages were asked.

District Director Nicholas Fontecchio of the Chicago steel union was quick to challenge the court action as an effort by Republic President Tom Girdler to defeat organized labor. The union leader charged that Republic was responsible for any losses it may have incurred through the policies of its executives.

WHEN A PENNY REALLY COUNTS

Complaints by motorists in cities with parking meters that they must pay for a full hour's privilege when they park for only a few minutes have led many cities to install penny meters, the American Municipal Association of Chicago reported recently. The penny meters allow for as low as twelve minutes' parking time.

MINERS WIN UNION SHOP CONTRACT

Members of the Progressive Mine Workers of America, American Federation of Labor affiliate, signed a new two-year union shop contract with the Illinois Coal Producers' Association at Springfield, Ill. The agreement continues provisions of a two-year contract which expired March 31 but was extended during negotiations.

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Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY
President San Francisco Typographical Union

Officers who will serve the union for the ensuing term were installed at Sunday's meeting of No. 21. The meeting was called to order at 1 p. m. and adjournment was at 4 o'clock. Memorial services were held for those of our members who had departed from us during the past year. No. 21 has lost a total of forty-two since the May, 1938, meeting. One office, that of delegate to the Label Section, for which there was no candidate on the May 17 ballot, was filled at this time. Secretary MacLeod was the only nominee, and was elected by acclamation. An appropriation was made to the committee handling the Printing Industries Day to be held June 10 on Treasure Island. A report was submitted on progress being made in connection with the Joint Conference of Typographical Unions, of which No. 21 is host, to be held July 1 and 2 on Treasure Island. A committee of ten was appointed by the chair to assist our delegates in entertaining the visitors. An appropriation of $159 was voted to be available for the defense fund of the Allied Printing Trades Council. Fifty dollars was also voted to be presented to the newly-formed Woman's Auxiliary to San Francisco Typographical Union. The president was instructed to appoint a committee of three to investigate the feasibility of a local old-age pension fund to supplement the International pension, the committee to report not later than the September meeting. A recommendation that $4 per month be donated to our members resident at the Printers' Home also was concurred in. A committee to assist in any activity next year for participation in the Union Label Exhibit was left to the judgment of the chair; the apprentices who participated in this year's exhibit were given a vote of thanks.

The results in New York election May 17 were as follows: President—Brown, 3721; Ward, 3665. Vice-president—O'Neill, 2682; Cozzolino, 2441; Liroff, 2250. Secretary-treasurer—McGrath, 4276; Kane, 2755; Casey, 419.

The remains of William E. Aff, who passed away at the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs on Tuesday, May 23, are being shipped to San Francisco. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at this writing. H. F. Suhr & Co. will be in charge and inurnment will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park tomorrow (Saturday). Mr. Aff was 68 years of age at the time of his death and was a native of Wisconsin, born at Milwaukee October 16, 1871. He is survived by his widow, Amelia E. Aff; three sons, Louis William, Frank G. and Albert E., and a daughter, Mrs. Irma North.

The Woman's Auxiliary to No. 21 met at union headquarters last Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a large attendance, including twenty-nine of the fifty-five charter members. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, the place of meeting to be announced later. At this time nomination and election of officers will take place, and those elected will be installed at a subsequent meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27. The charter will be presented at the installation meeting, and entertainiment is being arranged by a committee appointed for this purpose.

From the Allied Printing Trades Legislative Committee comes word that Assembly Bill 1046, which provides that firms bidding on printing for the state, counties or cities must pay the prevailing wage in the locality in which the work is done, is now before the Assembly for passage. There is strong opposition to this bill. This is our bill, and a request is made that members write or wire their assemblymen that an "aye" vote is expected on A. B. 1046.

Morris Penter, one of the two members representing the publishers on the board of arbitration handling No. 21's newspaper negotiations, has been named general manager of the Oakland "Post-Enquirer."

At the May 17 election in Los Angeles John F. Dalton, G. Harry Gilmore and Henry E. Clemens were retained in office as president, vice-president and secretary, respectively. E. J. Mead, who served No. 21 as delegate to the Colorado Springs convention in 1936, was elected as delegate to the Central Labor Council.

Golf News—By J. W. C.

Golfers: Final arrangements have been completed for our outing this coming Sunday at La Rinconada. The time of play has been set for 11 a. m. and all those who are going to play should be there at 10:30, so that the committee will have ample time to pair the foursomes, collect the entry fees and arrange the play. The barbecue dinner will follow the conclusion of play and the awarding of the prizes. Any golfer who finds that he will be able to make the outing and has not sent in his reservation must notify the writer so that arrangements may be made for him.

All those who are planning to drive down will find it to their advantage to following the directions given here, as this is the shortest route possible to La Rinconada and will prevent any time being lost on the trip. From San Francisco: Drive down San Francisco highway to Sunnyvale, turn right at Sunnyvale on Saratoga road and drive toward Saratoga until Prospect road is reached. Turn left on Prospect road until the San Jose-Saratoga highway stops you, then turn right until you reach Quito road, and drive down Quito road until you reach La Rinconada. Golf club signs will direct you after you reach Prospect road, so be sure and look for them on Prospect road. From Oakland: Drive down Oakland-San Jose highway to Trimble road (a mile or so past Milpitas), over Trimble road to the Agnew-San Jose road, then left toward San Jose, until Santa Clara-Oakland road is reached. Turn left into Santa Clara and then follow Los Gatos-Winchester signs. After passing Winchester house keep on Los Gatos highway until golf club direction signs are reached at Sewell Brown's Packing Company.

Perfect weather has been assured for the day and this tournament will not be postponed or called off because of threatening weather in San Francisco. Play will start at 11 a. m., rain or shine, and the day's program will be carried out. There is no such thing as poor weather in the Santa Clara valley, and everyone should be there, rain or shine.

Prizes will be awarded for low gross, low net, runner-up gross and runner-up net in classes A, B and C. The usual entry fee will be charged, and play will be on the usual handicap basis, with the same handicaps as in the local tournaments.

Clip out the above directions for reaching La Rinconada. Any last minute entries may reach the writer at Higate 4592 in Oakland after 6 p. m. or during the day at Douglas 4788.

"News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

Eddie Porter will sub for Secretary-Treasurer William Clement until the next meeting of the News Mutual Benefit Society. Mr. Clement plans on entering business on his own account. A 25-cent assessment weekly was necessary because a number of members took sick simultaneously.

It has the aspect of a foul blow. Operator Chuck Adams, to rid himself of a dictionary salesman, sent him to Neal Henderson, proofreader.

Harvey Bell figured he had a cinch bet. He wears the label on all his clothes, so what chance had Gene Davies to win? But he did, as Gene wore one more garment than Harvey.

A minor operation undergone by Lin White is a memory only, though Mr. White, showing up again, says he is okey.

Itch for publicity is hard to control, though this scrivener has had success until now. He believes he may legitimately come to the fore while he extends sincere appreciation to members of No. 21 for the confidence and support they gave him in re-election to the first vice-presidency.

Mrs. Newdriver (to garage mechanic)—They tell me I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait?—"Christian Science Monitor."

A Word of Thanks . . .

To the members who extended their support in the recent S.F.T.U. No.21 election I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for that support. To those who supported my opponent, I pay my respects.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular meeting of No. 18 was held May 21, with a good-sized gathering present.

H. I. Christie, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council, reported progress being made in developing unity of action between unions affiliated with the State Allied Conference, especially at its Santa Cruz meeting, to which he was a delegate from No. 18. . . . Secretary-Treasurer Bailey's quarterly report, and also report on his activities in behalf of the union in the job field, were of an interesting and encouraging nature. . . . M. M. Michelson gave an interesting talk on his observations as delegate to Labor's Non-Partisan League convention. . . . New officers were installed by the writer. . . . President Bennetts' first official action was that of calling for a rising vote of thanks for services rendered to the union by the retiring president, Dominic Del Carlo. . . . The president reappointed M. M. Michelson delegate to Labor's Non-Partisan League conventions and scale committee, composed of H. I. Christie, chairman; Secretary-Treasurer Bailey and President Bennetts. The latter appointed himself outside chairman.

Los Angeles Mailers' Union elected George Huffman and J. McKinney delegates to the I.T.U. and (now stated) M.T.D.U. conventions and voted 56 in favor to 52 against levying of a 1 per cent assessment to defray expenses of delegates to those conventions. There will be a run-off for second place on the executive committee between G. Gillialand and T. P. Maloney, and another between J. A. Breslin and W. W. Hammer on special standing committee. Re-elected were President W. J. Bassett, Vice-President W. W. Hammer, Recording Secretary George Huffman and Secretary-Treasurer R. M. Hudson.

St. Louis Mailers' Union Election—Five anti-Roberts candidates were elected, including Stewart, secretary-treasurer, who was also elected delegate to the Fort Worth conventions; Katz, anti-Roberts, vice-president. For the first time in the union's history an anti-Roberts man, Stewart, was elected chairman of the standing committee, with the executive committee also being in control of anti-Roberts forces. President Du Bois, Roberts-supported, was elected delegate to the Fort Worth conventions by a majority of only nine votes over the anti-Roberts candidate, Petri.

"Only seventy-seven members attended the regular May meeting of New York union," says Mailer scribe in "Printing Trades Union News." He further says: "Did you notice how cleverly Foreman Winters put over his motion to have the reading of the minutes of the special meeting omitted? (P. S.—There were no minutes kept.) . . . Members of the 'Sun' chapel must be getting a good laugh out of Section 32 of the proposed contract. To enforce that section the 'Sun' would have to build a new plant. . . . The members of Mailers' Union No. 6 accepted the proposed contract of the foreman group and their hand-picked scale committee. Those who voted to accept the scale committee's proposal sold themselves, as well as the rest of the union, down the river. . . . Election of delegates to the I.T.U. and M.T.D.U. conventions are clouded by protests. The protests included the charge that ballots from the 'Wall Street Journal' were handled by Candidate O'Hara before delivery to the election board. It was also charged that the ballots were delivered by a man not a member of the union; that other ballots were sent in without mandatory list of voters. Unofficial vote for delegates to the convention: O'Mara (Ind.), 337; Hayes (Prog.), 295; Winters (Ind.), 290; McMahon (Prog.), 263."

New York printers: For president, Elmer Brown, 3721; William Ward, 3665. Run-off for vice-president, Frank Cozzalino 2441, Joseph O'Neil 2682; secretary-treasurer, J. J. McGrath 4276, John Kane 2755, J. T. Casey 419; delegates to I.T.U. convention, E. J. Deuer, William J. S. Anderson, E. J. Byrnes, P. H. Killcayne; for chairman "Daily News" chapel, Joseph Burke 268, William E. Towne 242.

DEATH OF OLD-TIME PRINTER

After an illness of nearly two years, David Glass died at Queen's Hospital (Honolulu), March 26. Mr. Glass, who was 69 years old, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he served an apprenticeship of six years. He came to the United States in 1895. For many years he was head proofreader with the "Star-Bulletin" and a linotype operator.—"Linotype News."

LABOR COMMISSIONER DEAD

West Virginia State Labor Commissioner Clarence L. Jarrett, 50, was found dead in bed on May 3 at Charleston. He was appointed July 31, 1933, and was reappointed in 1937. He served as secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor from 1926 until 1932, when the office was abolished and the duties taken over by the president.

Indorse Harbor Bill

Its support of the city-sponsored harbor bill, now on the floor of the State Senate, was announced this week by Auto Mechanics' Union Local No. 1305. A resolution indorsing the measure which would convey control over the harbor from the state to the city was sent to State Senator Jack Shelley, who succeeded Monday in bringing the bill before the Senate for debate.

Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen

The Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen's Union, Local No. 30, is on record as indorsing the harbor bill now before the State Senate. According to the announcement of Alfred C. Armstrong, secretary-treasurer, resolutions supporting the bill's purpose of recovering control of the city's harbor from the state and vesting it in a municipal commission were sent to Sacramento.

Landis to Hear Case

Secretary of Labor Perkins has designated James M. Landis, dean of Harvard Law School, to serve as trial examiner in the June 26 hearing in San Francisco of deportation charges against Harry Bridges, C.I.O. maritime leader on the West Coast.

Landis formerly was chairman of the Securities Commission.

The hearing, the Labor Department said, "will deal with charges that Bridges is a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence." A new investigation of the charges, it added, has been conducted by the immigration service since the Supreme Court decision in the Strecker case, in which an order of deportation issued by Secretary Perkins in a case involving a former member of the Communist party was held to be contrary to the immigration statutes.

Thomas B. Shoemaker, deputy commissioner of immigration, District Director Raphael P. Bonham of Seattle, and Divisional Director Roy J. Norene of Portland, Ore., will represent the department at the hearing.

TWO-CENT POSTAGE SOUGHT

Representative Whelchel of Georgia, a member of the House Post Office and Post Roads Committee, has introduced a bill to restore the 2-cent postage rate on first-class mail. The President, in his annual budget message, stated that the estimates of appropriations for the postal service included in the 1940 budget are predicated upon the enactment of legislation to provide for the continuance during that fiscal year of the 3-cent postage rate for first-class mail matter other than for local delivery.

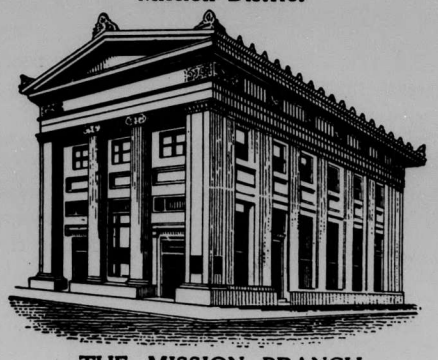
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S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MArket 6304.

Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, May 19, 1939

Called to order at 8:20 p. m. by President Shelley. Vice-President Palacios excused; Delegate Foley appointed vice-chairman pro tem.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Approved as corrected (Automobile Salesmen donated $100 instead of $10 to the Court Appeal Fund).

Credentials—Operating Engineers, Hoisting and Portable, No. 3, J. H. LaForce, Victor S. Swanson, Charles Carney, C. F. Matthews and T. H. Flora; Garage and Service Station Employees No. 665, William F. York vice James J. Anderson, A. Moss vice J. D. McCormick; Watchmakers' Local No. 102, George F. Allen. The above were referred to the investigating committee.

Communications—Filed: Minutes of Building and Construction Trades Council. California State Relief Administration, acknowledging receipt of Council's letter of April 4 inclosing resolution adopted by your Council. Federation of Teachers No. 61, thanking Council for the interest and aid given to the essay contest and inclosing copy of the essay winning first prize. Union Labor Life Insurance Company, requesting the address of Inlandboatmen. Building Service Employees No. 14, stating that the agreement with Mrs. Sly has been signed and also the contract with Mr. Oser. Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, expressing appreciation in assisting their organizing campaign. Production Machine Operators No. 1327, cordial invitation to attend its anniversary dance Saturday evening, May 20. Retail Furniture and Appliance Salesmen No. 1285, invitation to attend conference Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the office of the Employers' Council. Safety and Transportation Committee of the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce, requesting indorsement of this council in its effort to reduce night accidents. Yellow Cab Company, stating that it was in a position to furnish where to go and what to see in San Francisco and vicinity. Photo-Engravers' convention committee, informing Council that its International will hold its convention here on August 21 to 26, 1939.

Donations from the following unions for Court Appeal Fund: Musicians No. 6, $25; Horticulturists and Floriculturists, $5; Stage Employees, $15; Brotherhood of Teamsters No. 85, $100; Millinery Workers, $10; Chauffeurs, $50; Window Cleaners, $10; Hospital and Institutional Workers, $10; Photo-Engravers, $20; News Vendors, $100.

Referred to Executive Committee: Leather and Pocketbook Workers No. 31, relative to the attitude of the Ganson Manufacturing Company toward its employees. Locksmiths, Lodge No. 1331, with reference to its membership. Electrical Workers, Local B-202, requesting delegates not to purchase any of the products of the Emerson Radio Corporation. Photo-Engravers, relative to strike sanction—held in abeyance. Production Machine Operators, relative to strike sanction—held in abeyance. Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, complaint against Castle's Beauty Shop, 1005 Market street; Turner's Beauty Salon, 150 Powell, and Tiny's Beauty Studio, 552 Geary street. Warehousemen's Union No. 860, complaint against Square D Company, electrical equipment, 130 Potrero; the Trumbell Electric Manufacturing Company, 260 Van Ness South; S. E. Massengill, 240 Fourth street; M. R. Fleishman Company, women's apparel, 22 Fremont. Grocery Clerks' Union, complaint against the Kailin grocery store, 1594 Golden Gate avenue. Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks' Union No. 1017, complaining about not reaching a settlement of its troubles with the Employers' Association since October, 1938. Blindcraft Association, with reference to its benefit entertainment to be held June 10, 1939. Photo-Engravers, complaint against the Pacific Gravure Company, 325 Minna street. Machinists' Lodge 68, complaint against Link Belt Company, 400 Paul avenue, the Bowie Switch Company, 105 Tennessee street, and the American Laundry Machinery Company. Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, requesting that the Duriron Company of Dayton, Ohio, be placed on the "We Don't Patronize List." Wage scale and agreement of the Grocery Clerks. Wage scale and agreement of the Retail Delivery Drivers.

Referred to State Federation of Butchers: From Central Labor Council of Los Angeles, with reference to the boycott against the Swift Packing Company.

Referred to Secretary: From Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters' Local No. 393 of Santa Clara County, requesting copy of prevailing wage scales. Moral & Perry, attorneys, relative to the status of the French Laundry Owners' Association. Central Labor Council of Santa Barbara, asking for information on the labor record of the Benjamin Franklin Assurance Company.

Referred to Legislative Agent: Alameda Central Labor Council, requesting that we urge the California Legislature to defeat Senate Bill 1159.

Referred to Labor Clarion: American Federation of Labor, with reference to the withdrawal of Central Labor Councils and State Federations of Labor which have accepted membership in Labor's Non-Partisan League. Cigar Makers' International Union, inclosing list of union label cigars. Furniture Workers' Union, Local 1541, is giving a benefit dance on May 27. Union Label League of Alameda County, stating they have signed with the Radio Station KROW in Oakland; beginning Monday, May 8, will broadcast every Monday at 5:45 p. m.

Referred to Label Section: Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, Binghampton, N. Y., relative to the unfair attiude of Endicott-Johnson Corporation toward organized labor.

Referred to Allied Printing Trades Council: Derbon Press, letter containing statement of its trouble with the Allied.

Resolution submitted by Delegates Anthony Noriega, Anthony Cancilla, C. Kindell, Charles Renard and Joseph St. Angelo, dealing with the trip of George G. Kidwell to Washington and his statements made regarding the Westwood strike. Motion to adopt was made and then the chair ruled that there are charges contained in the resolution and the constitution of the Council should prevail, referring to charges against the delegate. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair and the chair was sustained. Motion made that this matter be expunged from the minutes of the Council; lost by reason of the accused requesting that the trial go on.

Report of Executive Committee (May 8, 1939)—In the matter of the Retail Delivery Drivers' Union and its agreement, no one from the union having appeared, it was laid over for one week. With reference to the agreement of Garage and Service Station Employees' Union, same was indorsed subject to the indorsement of their International. In the matter of the Local Joint Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders regarding the Haas candy stores and Pig 'n' Whistle, the unions reported both matters had been settled. In the matter of the San Francisco Welders' Lodge No. 1330 against the Bodison Manufacturing Company, the matter had been laid over at the request of the union for one week, and again it is laid over for one week pending a report from the Metal Trades Council. In the matter of the Nunn-Bush Shoe Company and the Retail Shoe Clerks' Union, after being discussed at some length your committee recommends that the Council declare its intention of levying a boycott against said firm. With regard to the Retail Furniture and Appliance Salesmen and its complaint against W. & J. Sloane and John Breuner Company, after a lengthy discussion on both sides it was decided to lay this matter over pending a conference between the union and the employers; matter to be held in abeyance until they receive a report from such meeting. In the matter of Grocery Clerks No. 648, asking that the Jewel City Market be placed on the unfair list, upon request of the union it was laid over for one week. In the matter of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, asking for permission to boycott the Colonial Beauty Salon, 592 O'Farrell street, the employer indicated her willingness to abide by the union rules and regulations in the future; committee laid the matter over for one week to see if the employer and the union could iron this matter out between them. The matter of Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union against three hospitals, namely, Stanford-Lane, Southern Pacific and University of California Hospitals, no one appeared for the hospitals; after a lengthy discussion the chairman reminded the union of the position taken by the Council some months back, when they permitted the Stanford-Lane Hospital to be placed on the "We Don't Patronize List" of this Council and that the committee had no authority to rescind an action taken by the Council as a whole. In regard to the Southern Pacific Hospital it was suggested by the chair that the union check on the set-up of the Railway Act, as there is a possibility that this hospital is covered by same; the union asked that the University of California Hospital matter be held in abeyance, as Brother O'Connell and Brother Shelley were taking this matter up in Sacramento for them and that the committee would be guided on Monday night,

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Becker Distributing Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary.
Curtis Publishing Co., publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Drake Cleaners and Dyers
F. M. Rowles' service stations at Tenth and Mission, Tenth and Bryant, Twelfth and Howard, Post and Larkin, Haight and Stanyan and San Jose and Alemany.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Golden State Bakery, 1840 Polk.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.
Howard Automobile Company.
Italian-Swiss Colony (wines and brandies).
Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
MacFarlane Candy Stores.
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Riggs Optical Company, Flood Building.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists' Union No. 148-A are unfair.

May 15, by whatever decision might be reached between the officers of the Council and the union on Saturday morning. Brothers A. Kulberg and E. G. Detrich appeared before the committee with credentials from the International Longshoremen, Local 38-79, and took up the matter of the per capita tax to the Council; your committee recommends that per capita tax be remitted. Committee adjourned at 12:20 p. m. Report concurred in.

Report of Executive Committee (May 15, 1939)—In the matter of Office Employees' Union No. 21320 in their dispute with the Ray Oil Burner Company, Brothers Norback and O'Farrell appeared for the union. The employers were represented by Mrs. Helen Ray and Nelson Hayward; Brothers Ballerini and Byrnes appeared for Production Machine Workers. It was agreed that Brother Ballerini be permitted to go into the plant with Mr. Norback of Office Employees' 21320 to talk to the members in question and if possible to straighten out this difficulty; entire matter laid over one week, pending the outcome of this conference. In the matter of the Retail Cleaning and Press Shops No. 93, requesting the indorsement of the Council in placing all shops not displaying the union shop card on the "We Don't Patronize List"; after an explanation by the union your committee concurs in the request, with the understanding that no individual action will be taken by the union without first coming back into the Council and going through the regular procedure for strike action. In the matter of Production Machine Operators No. 1327 asking for strike sanction against three firms, namely, Western Nipple Company, Pacific Nipple Company and Schlage Lock Company, the questions regarding the two nipple companies at one time, with Brothers Ballerini and Byrnes representing the Production Machine Operators, and Messrs. Ringwood and G. Banwagenen representing the Western Nipple Company, and E. Heymans and E. Sugarman representing Pacific Nipple Company; Attorney Bahrs representing both companies; after a lengthy discussion your committee asked that these people meet again with the union to see if it is possible to reach an understanding in this matter; this was agreed upon and a meeting for Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock and the entire matter laid over for one week, pending the outcome of this conference. In the matter of the Schlage Lock Company, Mr. D. E. Golden and Mr. Max Lou represented the California-Made Trades Association and Attorney George O. Bahrs represented the company; Brothers Ballerini and Byrnes, the Production Machine Operators; Brother Mike Stafford represented the Metal Polishers' Union; after a lengthy discussion the proprietor agreed to hold another meeting with the union next day, and your committee laid the matter over until Friday night at 7:30, at which time a special meeting of the executive committee is to be held—in case no solution has been reached in the conference on Tuesday. In the matter of Grocery Clerks' Union and their complaint against the Jewel City Market, which had been laid over for one week at the request of the union, no one appeared for the union, therefore the matter is laid over for one more week for lack of information. In the matter of Welders' Lodge No. 1330 against the Bodinson Manufacturing Company, which had been laid over one week pending a report from the Metal Trades Council, no one appeared from the Metal Trades Council to report on this matter, therefore it was laid over for one week more pending that report. In the matter of Retail Furniture and Appliance Salesmen No. 1285 and its complaint against the W. & J. Sloane and John Breuner companies, which had been laid over from the previous week pending a conference between the companies and the union, as no one appeared in this matter your committee laid it over for one more week. In the matter of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists against the Colonial Beauty Salon, this matter has been held in abeyance pending further information from the union. In the matter of the wage scale of Production Machine Operators No. 1327 for the employees of the Ray Oil Burner Company, same was indorsed subject to the approval of their International.

Report of Executive Committee (May 19, 1939, Special Meeting)—In the matter of Production Machine Operators and Miscellaneous Metal Workers against the Schlage Lock Company, the inability of the union to reach a settlement on submission of its wage scale to the firm and the union negotiating since April, your committee recommends strike sanction be granted. The wage scale and agreement of Delivery Drivers' Union No. 278 was presented and your committee recommends indorsement subject to the indorsement of their International.

Report of Committee on Credentials—Committee reported favorably on the credentials from Hoisting and Portable Engineers No. 3, J. H. LaForce, Charles Carney, Victor S. Swanson, C. F. Matthews, T. H. Flora; Garage and Service Station Employees No. 265, William F. York and E. A. Moss vice James A. Anderson and J. B. McCormick; Watchmakers' Local No. 102, George F. Allen. All delegates inspected had six labels on their persons. Delegates seated.

In Memoriam—Resolution presented by Secretary O'Connell as follows: "Whereas, the whole adult life of Frank P. Walsh was devoted to humanity, his ardor and ability making him a leader in every movement for social benefit; and whereas, he had the vision to see that the well-being of the worker was basic to the permanence of democratic institutions, and made championship of the right of labor his major activity, selflessly and courageously; be it resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council extend its sympathies to his family in their bereavement, and beg them to believe that the workers of America share their grief and sense of loss for a good and great man who exemplified the highest type of Americanism at every point in his life and conduct."

Reports of Unions—Elevator Operators have been successful in an increase of two weeks' vacation instead of one, by agreement with the building managers. Machinists No. 68 are on strike at Link Belt Company; have been successful in having temporary injunction dissolved.

Nominations of Delegates to Be Chosen for Trial of Brother George Kidwell as Follows—Fred Holderby, Henry Foley, Vernon Burke, Tony Costa, William Speers, C. F. Matthews, Thomas White, Lee Phillips, S. W. Douglas, Daniel C. Murphy, George Spooner, Frank O'Brien, William McCabe. Election Friday night, May 26, 1939—usual system by ballot. Moved that delegates who were not present and who were nominated be stricken from the list; motion lost.

Receipts, $1260; **expenses,** $752.21.

Council adjourned out of respect to Frank P. Walsh, Frank Ferguson, Emma O'Keefe and Mrs. Fred Meyers.

Adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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Health Insurance Bill Scheduled for Defeat

A vote in the State Assembly on Tuesday of last week on the compulsory health insurance bill sponsored by Governor Olson was taken to indicate that when the bill comes up for final action it will be defeated.

The vote came on an amendment by administration forces to provide that the bill would not become effective until it had been approved by the people. It was planned to submit it to the voters at the 1940 general election.

The amendment proposing a referendum was offered in an effort to stave off defeat for the measure. Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal of Los Angeles, author of the bill and an Olson leader, presented the amendment.

Characterizing the amendment as "a subterfuge and an evidence of insincerity," Assemblyman Melvin I. Cronin, San Francisco, one of the opponents of the bill, declared the sponsors of the health insurance program should submit it as an initiative measure if they wished to put it before the people.

Assemblyman Rosenthal admitted that his bill faced defeat. He declared the "medical lobby" had been too strong for his forces.

The bill provides for the establishment of a compulsory health insurance system for persons earning between $300 and $3000 per annum, financed by a 1 per cent contribution from employer, employee and state. Physicians would register under a panel system. The plan would be placed within the present unemployment reserves for administrative purposes.

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Cooks' Union News

By C. W. PILGRIM

The meeting of Cooks' Union No. 44 on Thursday, May 18, was attended by about forty of the cooks from the hotels over and above those usually present from these establishments. That is not enough. You workers from the hotels have got to take more interest in your union. Don't get the idea into your heads that the bosses are going to hand you anything on a silver platter, or that your officers can guess what you want without your troubling to come around and make yourselves heard. It is of no use grumbling to yourselves about conditions in the kitchens; you have got to act as an organized body to make your power felt by the employers. We know that you are sick of this arbitration; so are all the rest of the hotel workers. But you are tied up with it for the present; therefore you have got to act together and get as much as you can out of it.

The delegate from the Retail Shoe Clerks, Brother Fitzsimmons, was given the floor and explained to the members present what they are up against in their efforts to organize the store clerks in the men's clothing trade. They have trouble with the following firms: Leed's, Burt's, Chandler's and Hastings', and they are asking you not to purchase from these firms for the present. They sell clothes and shoes. Our secretary has written these firms a letter regarding this matter which maybe will help, but usually it takes action to make a boss change his attitude toward the workers. So just give your business where you see the union house card on display in the front window; that will have more influence than a wagon-load of letters.

The action of the Local Joint Board in withdrawing its delegates from the conference called by Brother Meyer Lewis was approved.

The wage scale and working conditions to be placed before the arbitration board were approved and Brother Battaglini was selected to represent Local 44.

Remember, where you see the union house card stuck in the front window of a store, that is where you are expected to spend your hard-earned cash. Impress this on your wife, family and friends. Do for your fellow workers those things you expect them to do for you.

National Capital Notes

(I. L. N. S.)

Congress should be in no hurry to adjourn, some senators and representatives think. They say Congress should stay in session and be prepared to deal with any moves to involve us in European war.

The feeling was expressed dramatically in the Senate by two veterans—Johnson of California and Connally of Texas.

"Let us keep out of war!" exclaimed Senator Johnson, bringing a burst of applause from the galleries that had the attendants in a dither, such applause being against Senate rules.

Both senators insisted that Congress stay in Washington until the foreign situation is clarified.

Not a bad idea. In addition to the foreign situation, there are a number of other reasons why Congress shouldn't be thinking too much of summer recess. Several matters call for action, and if adjournment is taken on June 15, as has been proposed, the chances are they will go over until the next session.

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After all, Congress is paid, and paid well, for its work, and there is no reason why it should not stay in session as long as is necessary.

Many thousands of Washington wage earners stay all through the hot season and don't cry about their lot. It won't hurt Congress to stay all summer if there is work to be done or a danger to be guarded against.

One of the jobs that demands doing is the matter of the proposed changes in the National Labor Relations Act. The American Federation of Labor has made out a strong case for its proposed amendments. Some people say these amendments have no chance. They may be in for a surprise. In any case, why should not Congress vote on the amendments, after careful consideration and thorough debate?

The nation is entitled to know how Congress stands on them.

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Secretary of the Interior Ickes and the newspapers have long been at odds. Ickes thinks the newspapers are unfair to him and the administration he works for.

Some months ago he accused the newspapers of various sins of omission and suppression. The secretary or his ghost writers apparently didn't check up carefully on some of his charges before making them.

The newspapers found that a number of happenings that the secretary said had been suppressed hadn't been suppressed at all. They cited news stories, giving dates and pages on which they appeared, to refute the charges.

Ickes returned to the fray, with a blast directed at the columnists who didn't like his remarks and have been firing away at him with vigor and enthusiasm.

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Organized labor knows that the American press is not all it should be. Most newspaper men are also aware of the fact.

The press is often unfair, just as individuals are often unfair. But it's a mighty good thing that the press is free to criticize, unfairly or fairly. If it were not, freedom in America would soon vanish.

The Late Frank P. Walsh

(New York "Times")

Frank Walsh lived a full life, giving generously of his time and ability to causes in which he believed. He began his political career by denouncing the sins of his own party, and early in his legal career he renounced all corporation practice. He was already one of the leading labor lawyers of the country when President Wilson named him to head the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

His chief interest ever since had been represented by what he called "the rights of man against the wrongs of property." A Wilsonian radical in those days, he subsequently became a Roosevelt liberal. . . . He was a logical choice as first president of the National Lawyers' Guild, organized to support Mr. Roosevelt's crusade for greater liberalism in the courts. When he believed that the Guild had refused to take a proper stand against communism and all other dictatorships he withdrew from it. He was an able lawyer, a grim adversary and an untiring idealist.

REWARD FOR THE COOK

Mrs. Newlywed—Now, dear, what'll I get if I cook a dinner like this every day for a year? Mr. Newlywed—Probably my life insurance.—Macon "Telegraph."

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Health Service Board

Editor Labor Clarion:

A canvass of the votes cast by the members of the Health Service System between the period of April 25 to May 8 by the registrar of voters of the City and County of San Francisco for the election of three members to the Health Service Board for a period of three years disclosed that out of a membership of 9895 the total vote cast was 7191.

There were nine candidates who aspired for the three positions on the Health Service Board. The following successful aspirants, whose term of office will be three years commencing May 15, 1939, received the following votes:

Arthur D. Layne, 3399; Joseph B. McKeon, 3124; Charles T. Butterworth, 2883.

The Health Service Board now consists of the following members: Charles T. Butterworth, Juvenile Court; William P. Juzix, Bricklayers' Union No. 7; John J. Kane, Municpal Park Employees' Union No. 311; Cameron H. King, Office Employees' Association No. 13188, A.F.L.; Arthur D. Layne, Police Department; Joseph B. McKeon, captain, San Francisco Fire Department; Mary Maude Murphy, Department of Education; Martin F. Wormuth, Carmen's Union, Division 518, and Edwin R. Zion, Civil Service Commission.

HEALTH SERVICE BOARD,
By Jessie B. Cameron, Secretary.

"FAIR AND REASONABLE" WAGE

The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union will demand a $1 per ten-hour day for cotton choppers, with 15 cents an hour overtime, plus transportation to and from the fields, it was announced in Memphis, Tenn., last week. President J. R. Butler of the union said that, while he did not expect a strike of cotton choppers, local unions have been authorized to take strike votes and if approval was given by the executive officers local strikes to enforce the wage demand "might be called." Butler said a number of prominent planters have indicated they would consider a dollar a day "a fair and reasonable wage."

OFFICE BOY ON THE SPOT

Office Boy (nervously)—Please, sir, I think you're wanted on the telephone. Boss—You think! Aren't you sure? Office Boy—Well, the voice at the other end said, "Hello, is that you, you old idiot?"—Boston "Transcript."

TWELFTH DISTRICT BANKING

The aggregate net profits of the 288 Federal Reserve Banks in this district were but $28,800,000 last year, as against $36,200,000 in 1937 and $40,235,000 in 1936. The decline was largely ascribed in increases in losses and depreciation.

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